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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG

SUBJECT: KOLWEZI EVACUATION: UN ASPECT

1. ACTION ADDRESSES SHOULD CONTACT HOST GOVERNMENTS  
URGENTLY TO CONSULT ON HANDLING UN ASPECTS OF JOINT  
OPERATION IN KOLWEZI.

2. OUR THINKING IS THAT ZAIRE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS  
A LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR MAY (VENEZUELA)  
INFORMING SC THAT GOZ WAS REQUESTING GOVERNMENTS WHOSE  
NATIONALS ARE ENDANGERED BY INVASION TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING  
THEIR EVACUATION. LETTER MIGHT ALSO NOTE THAT ZAIRE MIGHT  
FIND IT NECESSARY AT A FUTURE DATE TO REQUEST A COUNCIL

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MEETING TO DISCUSS SITUATION.

3. WE DO NOT THINK THAT AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN COUNCIL SANC-  
TION FOR EVACUATION OR CONDEMNATION OF INVASION WOULD BE  
USEFUL AT PRESENT. AFRICA GROUP WOULD PROBABLY BLOCK SUCH  
ACTION AND WEST AND GOZ COULD EASILY COME OUT ON SHORT END.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT A DRAFT LETTER BE GIVEN TO GOZ FOR THEIR ACTING PERMREP TO ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL (WE UNDERSTAND THAT PERMREP IS CURRENTLY IN HAVANA FOR NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BOARD MEETING) A SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS WHICH ONE OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES COULD HAND OVER IN KINSHASA

(WE WOULD SUGGEST BELGIANS OR FRENCH, BUT FOUR EMBASSIES IN KINSHASA SHOULD COORDINATE WITH ONE ANOTHER BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS)

5. FOR KINSHASA: YOU SHOULD SHARE THIS INSTRUCTION WITH YOUR BELGIAN, BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES

6. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD STAY IN CLOSE HAND WITH BELGIANS, BRITISH AND FRENCH AND SEEK THEIR CONCURRENCE IN BRIEFING GERMANS AND CANADIANS IN NEW YORK, PREFERABLY WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN US TAKING THE LEAD. FOUR SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO BE SURE ZAIRIAN CHARGE IS BRIEFED ON SITUATION.

7. FOR BRUSSELS, LONDON, PARIS: YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT WE THINK IT IMPORTANT TO BRIEF POTENTIALLY SYMPATHETIC AFRICANS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO LANDING IN KOLEZI. DEMARCHES WOULD STRESS THAT WE ARE ACTING AT REQUEST OF GOZ AND THAT WE UNDERSTAND GOZ WILL BE INFORMING SC OF THEIR REQUEST TO US. PERHAPS QUICKEST WAY TO COORDINATE DEMARCHES IN CAPITALS WOULD BE THROUGH UN MISSIONS IN NEW  
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8. BEGIN TEXT OF SUGGESTED LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE INVASION OF MY COUNTRY HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR RESIDENTS OF THE KOLWEZI AREA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE HAS THEREFORE REQUESTED THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHOSE CITIZENS ARE CAUGHT UP IN THE VIOLENCE IN KOLWEZI TO ASSIST IN THEIR EVACUATION. THE GOVERNMENTS OF BELGIUM, FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE U.S. HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE.

MY GOVERNMENT HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO INFORM THE COUNCIL THAT IT MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO REQUEST A MEETING AT A LATER DATE TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE INVASION.

END TEXT. VANCE

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